

**NEW HAMPSHIRE EXECUTIVE BRANCH  
ETHICS COMMITTEE  
*and*  
LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE**

**JOINT MEETING**

**OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
ROOM 302**

**June 11, 2007  
10:00 AM**

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Meeting called to order by Executive Branch Ethics Committee Chair David Nixon.

Present: David Nixon, Douglas O'Brien, Deborah Schachter and Patricia Quigley of the Executive Branch Ethics Committee; Russell F. Hilliard, Janet G. Wall, Sheila Roberge, Peter H. Burling, Eric Anderson, Kimon Zachos and Martin L. Gross of the Legislative Ethics Committee. Senate Counsel Jeff Meyers and House Counsel David Frydman arrived after the meeting had been called to order.

Absent: John Blair, Dale Kuehne, one vacant position on the Executive Branch Ethics Committee

Also Present: New Hampshire Deputy Attorney General, Bud Fitch

- Chairman Russell F. Hilliard of the Legislative Ethics Committee discussed the establishment of the committee and makeup of the committee members, number of opinions issued since the inception of the committee and summarized the resolution of the complaints received by the committee.
- Chairman David Nixon of the Executive Branch Ethics Committee discussed the establishment of the committee, number of advisory opinions issued and makeup of the committee members. Bud Fitch discussed some of the issues faced by the committee.
- The members discussed gifts to state employees and the proposed changes to RSA chapter 15-B, each committee's charter, participation in political campaigns and confidentiality.
- Discussion of agenda item 3) regarding discussion of statutes which are addressed by both committees was deferred until the next joint meeting.

- Members of the Legislative Committee gave members of the Executive Branch Ethics Committee positive feedback on their informational brochures. At this time, the Legislative Committee distributes informational booklets to new legislative members and staff. Members of the Legislative Committee expressed concern that the booklets they distribute may be too voluminous for the legislators and staff to read thoroughly. There was discussion on dissemination of the brochures as a joint effort. Bud Fitch will distribute the informational brochures to members of the Legislative Committee after this legislative session and at that point the members of the Legislative Committee may decide if they want the brochures to be distributed publicly as a joint effort of both the Legislative Committee and the Executive Branch Ethics Committee.
- The committees may hold another joint meeting in September.
- Meeting adjourned at 11:16 am.

Respectfully Submitted

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Recording Secretary